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Less than two years ago this Society was organized, and in this short time has grown to have an active membership of approximately one hundred fifty persons. At first, our little group gathered around a table, discussing our mutual problems, and consulting with each other. With the rapid growth of our Society, these close personal contacts became more and more difficult and impractical, and the idea of this bulletin was conceived as a means of communication with each other. This is YOUR Bulletin. Please use it. Each one of you must have some questions to ask, or suggestions to make. Please let us have them, remembering only these few little conditions. First: Articles for Publication should be brief and to the point. Second: They must be of GENERAL interest to ALL the membership. Third: Authorities must always be given. We would also appreciate very much if the members would send in all queries in the EXACT style and wording, as they appear in the Bulletin, as was requested previously. Answers to queries should ALWAYS give Authorities.

In our files is a copy of the Bulletin issued by the Denver Genealogical Society, which contains several queries that should interest many of our Members.

Mrs. Clara Hageman Sipperley, S-8, has contributed a list of Names copied from the headstones in the Cemetery at Gossett's Mills, Porter County, Indiana, the principal Family names being Gossett, Beck, Beebe, Griffith, Hageman, Batten, and Skidmore. She is able to furnish much additional information to those interested.

At our last Regular meeting, April 9, 1938, Miss Maude C. Hathaway gave a most interesting talk on the Brush Family of Old Detroit, and its connections, and brought out many interesting facts about them, many of which were gleaned from her committee work.

Mrs. F. A. DeBoos, D-3 informs us that plans for the "Caravan" are progressing nicely, and that it will probably be to some point in Macomb County. This promises to be a real treat.

Mrs. Clarence L. Beavis, our corresponding secretary reports receipt of a letter from Mr. Robert M. Hartley, Amsterdam, N. Y. advising her of the formation of a department of Archives History in Montgomery County, New York, under the direction of Mr. Edward J. Sheehan, with headquarters, offices and depository at the Court House, Fonda, N. Y. They have already gathered and are engaged in classifying, recording and indexing an enormous amount of historical, genealogical and archaeological material pertaining to old Tryon County and the Mohawk Valley. Some of the oldest records, land grants from the Indians, go back to the late 1600's. They are copying all the old town records, and will soon start on the old church records, some back as far as 1711. Diligent and long research has brought to light records of many now-extinct churches whose marriage and baptismal records have long been sought.

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

These lines are being set down while traveling through the heart of the Rocky Mountains, so that any mediocrity that may be attributed to this page should be excused on the ground that the mountain grandeur of "Springtime in the Rockies" has quite overcome us.

It has been quite a thrilling experience to cross the wide expanse of plain and mountain over which so many of our pioneer ancestors trudged on their westward trek. And it is comforting to know that the same type of courage and faith that imbued them is recognizable in your true pioneer genealogist- the courage and faith that will carry him on to the trail's end.

Having the interests of our Society at heart prompts us to disembark when we pass each graveyard, and search for records and inscriptions therein, but, alas! Time is fleeting, and our "Iron Horse" knows no bit nor rein, so down into the country of the Angels, Los Angeles, we go, impelled by the ancestral urge of "Westward, HO!"

Here we visit the beautiful Public Library, with its wonderful Murals, done by the famed Dean Cornwall. They have only about 6500 volumes in their Genealogical Section, and those are largely State and County Histories. There are not so many genealogies, because, in their set-up, with only a \$500 budget appropriation, it seems best to build up on fundamental source material of a more or less general nature.

They are very eager to increase the popularity and usefulness of the section, and with the small staff allowed them, are doing as well as may be expected. It was a pleasure to visit there; the treatment accorded us was most courteous.

The Mormons in the west are very fine folk, who, when they enter the Mormon Church, must, according to its tenets, bring their ancestors with them. So they are all ardent genealogists, and most courteous and co-operative in their attitude towards searchers for family records. Much Valuable data may be had through the head of the Genealogical section in Salt Lake City.

The usual Epitaph will have to go "by the board" this time, and that may prove to be a relief to some of you, but in closing, may we say:

Ancestors of men, it is our boast,
Are widely sought, from coast to coast;
If we could search there, 'tis our notion,
We'd find a few, deep in each ocean.

Harold E. Moyer, President.

Immediately following the President's Page, this little verse would seem very fitting and appropriate.

CLUB PRESIDENTS

by Edgar A. Guest

I've never been a president, and what I
write today
Is merely what I've witnessed in an un-
official way.
In the clubs that I belong to, every presi-
dent I've known
Has to bear the members' worries, in addi-
tion to his own.

They write him endless letters telling
him just what is wrong
The water is too hot or cold; the tea too
weak or strong;
The apple pies are soggy and the steaks
and chops are tough;
The medium rare is overdone; the well done,
not enough.

They wait for him in corners; when at
dinner he appears
Some complaining fellow member has a
grievance for his ears.
A few are being favored, and the president
should know;
Some get the choicest tables for the tips
which they bestow.

From the day that he's elected to the
ending of his year
The wailing of his fellows is the only
sound he'll hear.
Even friends will turn upon him when some
trifle goes awry,
Yet men seem to want the office - and I
often wonder why.

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The Society subscribed for the "Matawan Journal" of Matawan, N. J. as, starting with the July 1, 1937 issue, they have printed a section called the "Genealogy and Local History Page" on which appear, questions and answers, family histories and Bible records. These columns through the May 5, 1938 issue have been clipped and placed in a scrap book for the use of the society. From time to time subsequent articles will be added to this book. Anyone desiring information from New Jersey may send their queries to the Matawan Journal to be published therein. This most excellent work of clipping and classifying has been done by our Secretary, Mrs. Clarence L. Beavis, and the thanks of the entire Society are due her for her ardent interest in this work.

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We are pleased to announce the election of the following to Membership in the Society:

- ✓B-11, Mr. Elbert E. Boyd, 12467 Dresden, PI 6609
- ✓B-12, Mrs. Marie Bruder, 321 Church St., Windsor, Ont., Windsor 3-5169
- ✓G-6, Mrs. Beatrice Brown Gethek, 240 E. Bennett, Ferndale, Mich.
- ✓J-3, Mrs. Fannie C. Jeffrey, 4767 Commonwealth, TE 1-8884.
- ✓K-9, Mr. Guy C. Kantz, 320 W. Hazelhurst, Ferndale, Mich.
- ✓S-11, Mrs. Floyd E. Swayze, 233 Lawrence, Royal Oak, Mich., Royal Oak 1921.
- ✓S-12, Miss Helen B. Switzer, 700 Seward, Apt. 621, MA 9580.
- ✓S-13, Mrs. Mabel Calen Smith, 731 Grand Marais, Grosse Pointe, TU 2-2133.

The attention of Members is called to the following changes of address:

- D-2, Mrs. B. Edna Dalton, 11 Farrand Park, Highland Park, Mich.
- P-6, Mrs. H. F. Peets, 5034 Chatsworth, NI 6114.

Please correct your last bulletin, #9, page 2, line 12, so that "Clement" County will read correctly, "CLERMONT" County.

QUERIES

- 121 JONES: R-4 wants parents and ancestry of Ambrose Jones, b Oct 12, 1774, Colchester, Conn., d Jan. 28, 1852, Rome, N. Y. He m. Elizabeth Hamill. He was the first settler of New London, Oneida Co., N. Y. in 1824.
- 122 BOXER: D-1 wants information on Boxer family, early Virginia Settlers.
- 123 HITCHMAN, D-1 wants information on Hitchman family of Mass., and Mary Hitchman who m. William Dunham.
- 124 DUNHAM: D-1 wants father of William Dunham, as above.
- 125 PATTERSON: D-1 wants parentage and ancestry of John H. Patterson, of "Famous Albany, N. Y. Rifles", War of 1812. He m. Callie or Cassie Keep of Winchester, Va., moved to Pittsburgh, and was Warden of Western Penn.
- 126 MARTIN: W-5 wants parentage of John R. Martin (1778 - 1852) m abt. 1797 Abigail, dau Winthrop Norton and Abigail Hoag. Moved fr Milan, Dutchess Co. N. Y. to Canandaigua N. Y. Had sons William b. 1800, Admiral Nelson b 1806, George I. b 1808, John b 1812, Robert Irving b 1817, and Winthrop Norton b 1824.

- 127 WILLIAMS: W-5 Who were children of Jonas Williams (1722-1803) of Huntington, L. I. who md. 1746 Sarah Fleet. One son, Jonas m Abigail Brewster of New Windsor, N. Y.
- 128 RODMAN: W-5 Wants wife of John Rodman, b 1737. Son of Joseph Rodman (1713-1767) and Tabitha Mumford, Prob. b and m in R. I. but lived in Burlington Co. N. J. Bros. Joseph and Thomas of Hillsdale, N. Y.
- 129 BRYANT: W-5 Wants parents of Charles Bryant, b Maine 1780 d Miami Co. Ill. m Nancy Meserve prob. in Maine. Had sons William Cullen Bryant b 1818, Nathaniel and Raymond. Had woolen mill in Ind. Legend says a "cousin" of William Cullen Bryant.
- 130 FORD: H-8 wants: The name and ancestry of the first wife of Daniel Ford (Matthew and Ruth Palmetter Ford) b. 2-16-1737/8, Hebron, Conn., d. 8-4-1816, Middletown Springs, Vt., and the names of any children of this marriage other than Nathan Ford. Daniel Ford with his father, Matthew Ford, were original grantees of Danby, Vt., 1761, Daniel was an owner of land as late as 1785 at Shaftsbury, Vt., from where he served a short enlistment with Vt. troops, and spent the remainder of his life at Middletown Springs, Vt.
 Ref: Town Records, Middletown Springs
 " " Hebron, Conn.
 Ford Genealogy by E. R. Ford
 Vol. III Hemenway's Gazetteer Vt.
 Hist. of Baptist Church in Vt.
- 131 GREEN: H-8 wants the ancestry of Elizabeth Green wife of John Brundige of Northcastle, Westchester Co., N. Y., and named by her husband in his will, 1779, as having a brother, James Green.
- 132 LASSON: H-8 wants the wife and children of Andreas Lasson, bapt. 6-11-1712, son of Pieter and Cornelia Rees Lasson of Dutchess Co., N. Y. (Kocherthal record). In 1749 he was listed as a member of the First Lutheran Church of Beekman, Dutchess Co.
- 133 FORMAN: H-8 wants the parents of John Forman (Furman) called "of Poughkeepsie" with wife, Rhoda, in record of marriage of their son, Daniel, 6-14-1804, to Catherine Dates (Presbyterian Church Rec., Pleasant Valley, Dutchess Co., N. Y.)
- 134 HEADLEY: H-8 wants the wife and children of Robert Headley, s. of Richard Headley and grandson of Samuel Drake of Fairfield and Eastchester, N. Y. Robert Headley, his father, Richard, and brother, Samuel, took oath of Allegiance, to King William, 1698, at Mamaroneck, N. Y.
 Ref: Vol I Hist and Gen. of Families of
 Old Fairfield, D. L. Jacobus
 Vols. 59 and 62 N. Y. Gen. and Biog. Rec



- 135 HEADLEY: H-8 wishes to know who was first wife Susanna _____ of Robert Headley, b 1720, s of Samuel Headley, Sr. of Elizabethtown, N. J.
- 136 DICKERMAN: H-8 queries: Is there any record of Isaac Dickerman residing in Piscataway, N. J. prior to 1679? Also John Cromwell, Sr. and wife Elizabeth _____.
- 137 LEACH ? (S 4)
John (3) Leach (Giles 2, Lawrence 1) b 1665; d 1743, resided Bridgewater, Mass., m. Alice ? Who was she?
- 138 LEACH-NOKES (S 4)
Giles Leach (Lawrence 1), b. 1632, resided Bridgewater, Mass., m. Jan. 20, 1656/7, Anne Nokes. Who were her parents, where was she born, date of birth and death required.
- 139 GROVES-KING (S 4)
Retire (5) Groves (Nicholas 4 3, Peter 2, Nicholas 1) resided Hanover, N. Y., m. Mar. 13, 1778, Abigail King who d. Nov. 5, 1806. Where and when was she b. and who were her parents?
- 140 CADWELL RISLEY (S 4)
Nathaniel (4) Risley (Jonathan 3, Richard 2 1), b. 1729, resided, Hartford, Conn., m. Ruth Cadwell, date of her birth, death, and names of parents desired.
- 141 RISLEY ? (S 4)
Stephen (5), Risley (Nath'l 4, Jonathan 3, Richard 2 1) b. New Hartford, Conn. Nov. 3, 1754, m. (1) Lois ? who died New Hartford. Stephen then m. (2) Dorcas ? Who was Lois?, particularly?
- 142 CLEVERLY TUCKER (S 4)
Joshua (3) Tucker (John 2, John 1) b. Nov. 9, 1673, resided Hingham, Mass., m. Nov. 2, 1697, Hannah Cleverly of Boston, Mass. Where was she b., date, parents, etc?
- 143 HAMMOND MILLER (S 4)
Deacon Jonas (4) Hammond, (Nathaniel 3 2, Thomas 1.) b Nov. 11, 1911, resided Charlton, Mass. m. Nov. 1, 1739 Elizabeth Miller who d. June 9, 1778. Her birth and death dates required with place and parents.
- 144 GROVES-HUBBARD (S 4)
Nicholas (4) Groves (Nicholas 3, Peter 2, Nicholas 1) of Brimfield, Mass. m. Oct. 8, 1751, Mary Hubbard. She b. Dec. 26, 1730, d. Aug. 12, 1801, dau. of Samuel and Hannah (Bliss) Hubbard. Want Hubbard and Bliss lines back to immigrant ancestors.